

## Flu Watch

MMWR Week 24: June 10 to June 16, 2018

All data are provisional and subject to change as more reports are received.

## **Geographic Spread**

South Carolina reported **sporadic activity** this week.



# Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations and Deaths

This week **1** influenza-associated hospitalization was reported by 25 hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **90.8** per 100,000. There were **4** laboratory-confirmed influenza-associated deaths reported; however, all deaths occurred in previous weeks. The cumulative mortality rate is **5.7** per 100,000. Compared to the previous week, the number of reported hospitalizations decreased by **5** cases (**83.3%**) and deaths **remained the same**. In the current flu season, there have been **4,505** influenza-associated hospitalizations and **284** influenza-associated deaths reported.



## **Virologic Surveillance**

A total of **30** influenza cases (**29** positive rapid antigen detection tests; **1** lab-confirmed test) were reported from 10 counties representing all four DHEC Public Health regions. Influenza B was most frequently reported by clinical labs. Compared to the previous week, this is a **decrease** of **15** cases (**33.3%**). In the current flu season, there have been **135,370** influenza cases (**131,803** positive rapid antigen detection tests; **3,567** lab-confirmed tests) reported.

For a description of South Carolina's influenza surveillance components and definitions go to: <a href="http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/DiseasesandConditions/InfectiousDiseases/Flu/FluData/">http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/DiseasesandConditions/InfectiousDiseases/Flu/FluData/</a>

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## **Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance**

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **0.30%**, which is **below** South Carolina's baseline (**3.13%**). Compared to the previous week, this is a **decrease** of **0.08%**.

The ILI activity level was minimal.

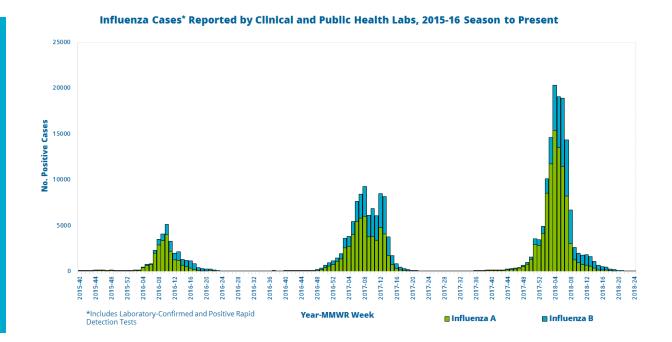
For national surveillance, please visit: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/">https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/</a>



# **Virologic Surveillance**

This week, **1** lab-confirmed case and **29** positive rapid influenza detection tests were reported by clinical labs.

**Influenza B** was most frequently reported by clinical labs.

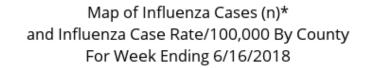


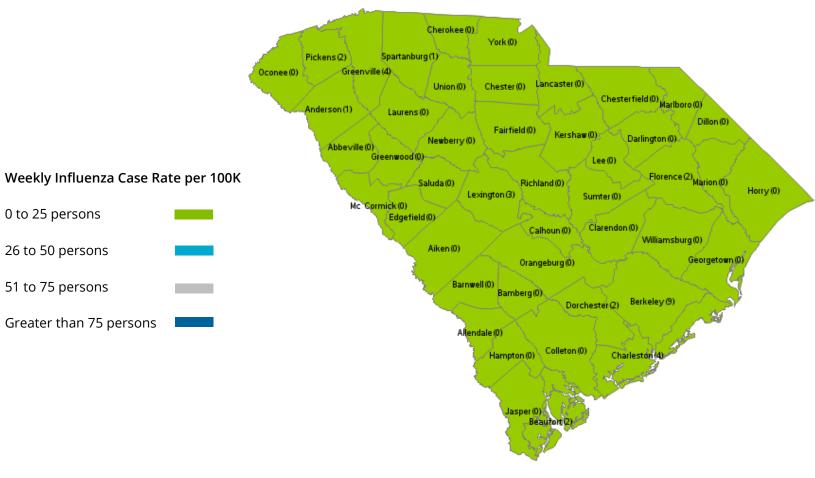
#### Influenza Cases Reported by Public Health and Clinical Labs, This Week and Season Total

Influenza Type	Public	Health Lab	CI	inical Labs	Total		
	This Week	Season Total	This Week	Season Total	This Week	Season Total	
Overall	0	233	30	135137	30	135370	
Influenza A	0	173 (74.2%)	12 (40.0%)	12 (40.0%) 91154 (67.4%)		91327 (67.4%)	
A (H3)		131 (75.7%)		391 (0.4%)		522 (0.6%)	
A (H1N1)		42 (24.3%)		169 (0.2%)		211 (0.2%)	
A (not subtyped)		<del></del>	12 (100%)	90594 (99.4%)	12 (100%)	90594 (99.2%)	
Influenza B	0	60 (25.8%)	18 (60.0%)	43464 (32.2%)	18 (60.0%)	43524 (32.2%)	
B (Victoria)		2 (3.4%)		<u></u>		2 (0.0%)	
B (Yamagata)		53 (88.3%)				53 (0.1%)	
B (lineage not performed)		5 (8.3%)	18 (100%)	43464 (100%)	18 (100%)	43469 (99.9%)	
Influenza (not typed)				519 (0.4%)		519 (0.4%)	



## **Virologic Surveillance**





\*Includes all lab-confirmed and positive rapid cases

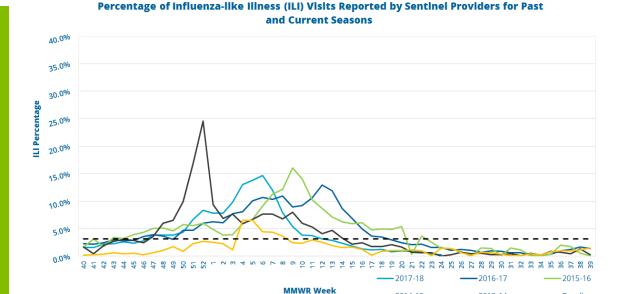


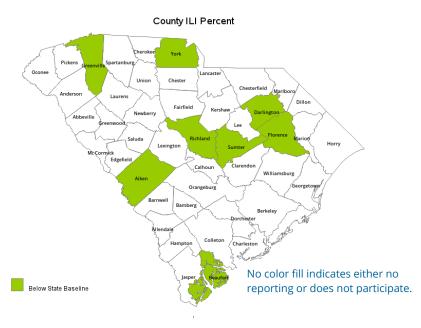
## Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

This week, the ILI activity level was **minimal** and **0.30%** of patient visits to SC ILINet providers was attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **below** the state baseline, **3.13%**.

Reports were received from providers in 8 counties, representing all 4 DHEC Public Health regions.

\*\*ILI percentage is dependent upon the number of reporting providers and/or can vary by disease activity or the number of providers submitting reports.\*\*





# State ILI Activity Level 2017-18 Calendar by Week of the Year

**-** 2014-15

2013-14

Baseline

OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
40	44	48	1	5	9	14	18	22			
41	45	49	2	6	10	15	19	23			
42	46	<b>50</b>	3	7	11	16	20	24			
43	47	51	4	8	12	17	21				
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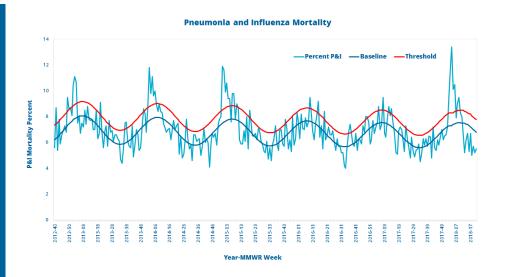
**ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH** 



# Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

Age	Hospitalizations			Deaths			
Group							
	This Week	Rate per	Season	This Week	Rate per	Season	
		100, 000	Total		100, 000	Total	
0 to 4	0	54.2	159		1.0	3	
5 to 17	0	17.5	141				
18 to 49	1	29.2	585		1.3	27	
50 to 64	0	115.8	1054		5.6	51	
65 & older	1	406.1	2566		32.1	203	
Total	1	90.8	4505		5.7	284	

The percentage of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza was 5.5%. This is **below** the epidemic threshold for the week ending May 26, 2018.



#### Reported Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations by Age Group, 2015-16 Season to Present

